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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT : Summer Intern Program

1. I can say that the Summer Intern Program was a success from my viewpoint at least this summer. I am grateful to the Agency for the opportunity and believe that of all the alternatives which I had for work at the start of the summer I chose the best.

2. My case was perhaps different in some aspects from the norm; unlike the majority of interns, I was not involved in the DDI, but rather with the DDS&T under the Advanced Projects Staff of the Office of Computer Services. My experiences were, therefore, influenced by the usual differences associated with the field as opposed to most other academic specialties. I found the people with whom I worked to be exceptionally capable and also friendly. The one thing which I most appreciated was that the staff of the office treated me as an equal and would listen to my ideas and opinions. This was in contrast to the treatment which I was accustomed to in which I would be given a task to do and my opinions and suggestions politely forgotten. I did not feel oversupervised or lost as a cog in vast machinery. The overall working conditions were among the most pleasant I have ever worked under.

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The Summer Intern program in conjunction with the day-to-day work for the Agency helped to give me an idea of the intelligence community which was markedly different from what I think most people (especially college students) have. This exposure is beneficial to me and, in addition, to the Agency in helping to dispel many misconceptions about the Agency, security etc.

The briefings were very good and I would recommend them. As a scientifically oriented person I enjoyed the visit to NPIC more than any other and suggest that other technically oriented visits be arranged for future Interns, or at least for those Interns with technical interests.

My only regrets concern some administrative paper-work, foul-ups, and some inhibitions, due to security, to discuss certain aspects of the Agency and technical details with my friends back at MIT.

In summary, I would say that the Summer Intern Program is very good and should be continued. I would like to thank APS for a pleasant summer and will give serious thought to career possibilities with CIA.

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